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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED JULY 27, 2004

Dear Sir:

This Reply is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on July 27, 2004 in connection with the above-identified patent application.

The Examiner requires restriction to one of the following three groups of claims:

Group I – Claims 1-18, drawn to a system for communication over a protocol;

Group II – Claims 19-28 and 32, drawn to a method for allowing a server program to listen for and process requests received over one of a plurality of protocols; and

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Group III – Claims 29-31, drawn to a data packet adapted to be transmitted between two or more computer processes.

Applicants' representative hereby elects with traverse Group I (Claims 1-18) for further prosecution on the merits.

Should there be any questions regarding this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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